

**REMARKS:**

Applicant has amended the claims in response to the Section 112 objections.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 to 20 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,279,859 to West. The West patent describes a keyboard pad with reversible mouse pad. The Examiner states that the pivot member has an arcuate surface (50 in relation to 40) extending from and attached to the first pivot point and the first pivot point has a first locked and unlocked position. The Examiner goes on to state that the first locked and unlocked position is controlled by a brake that is adjustably mounted to move into and out of locking contact with the arcuate surface and the brake of West is a plate. The brake of West is described in Column 4 beginning at Line 49 and continuing over to Column 5 ending at Line 16.

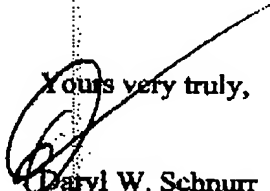
West describes the brake assembly as including front and rear brakes 70 and 71, each of which has a housing 72, a shaft 73 slidably disposed within housing 72, and a generally circular clamping member 74 located within housing 72 and in surrounding relation to shaft 73. ...brakes such as those discussed above are conventional, and commonly known and commercially available as PL Porter Brakes. As shown in Figures 4 and 9, housing 72 of rear brake 71 at one end thereof is joined to rear brake bracket 27 of carriage bracket 18 by a generally horizontal pivot 75 and the terminal end of shaft 73 of rear brake 71 located exteriorly of the housing 72 thereof is joined to rear brake bracket 56 of inner arm 50 by a generally horizontal pivot 76. ...Brake assembly also includes conventional sheath flexible cables 81 and 82. ... Thus, when cables 81 and 82 are actuated, the respective clamping member 74 releases shaft 73. The keyboard pad described in West has an actuator 84 lever that is movable to unlock the keyboard pad through operation of the cables.

It is respectfully submitted that the West patent does not have a brake that is adjustably mounted to move into and out of locking contact with the arcuate surface 50 as described by the Examiner. It is clear from the description referred to that the rear brake bracket 56 as shown in Figure 4 is affixed to the underside of upper wall 51. With the brake and arcuate surface of the present invention, it is respectfully submitted that of the braking mechanism itself has a brake that moves into and out of locking contact with the arcuate surface. This allows the mechanism to be operated with cables or without cables.

The West pad must be operated with cables. The brake of West never moves out of contact with the upper wall 51. The brake of West is always in contact with the wall 51, whether the brake itself is locked or unlocked.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejections should be withdrawn and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Yours very truly,

  
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